

## CLAIMS

1. A method of playing a card game comprising the steps of:
  - a) requiring each player to place an ante wager to participate in a wagering game played against the house/bank;
  - 5 b) requiring each player to place an additional pot wager into a pot/pool; the pot constituting a communal wager or pool wherein the players compete not against the bank but against one another with the winner of the pot bets being the player holding the highest poker hand of five cards;
  - c) dealing a predetermined number of cards to each player face down;
  - 10 d) dealing a predetermined number of communal cards face down;
  - e) based on the cards dealt in step "c" requiring each player to decide whether to place a flop wager to continue to participate in the wagering game played against the house/bank;
  - f) based on the cards dealt in steps "c" and "d" a comparison being made  
15 between each player's five card hand, such hand partly composed of individually dealt cards in conjunction with the communal cards, using poker rank both as the criterion for determining winning hands against the bank and for determining the winning hand regarding the pot bets;
  - g) paying each winning player against the house even odds for the ante wager;
  - 20 h) paying each winning player odds displayed by the house pay table depending upon the poker rank held by each winning player; and
  - i) awarding all pot wagers to the player holding the highest poker ranked hand.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of cards dealt to each player numbers three dealt face-down.
- 25 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of communal cards consist of three dealt face-down
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of communal cards consist of two dealt face-down and one face-up.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of cards dealt  
30 to each player numbers three, dealt face-down and wherein the number of communal cards consist of two, dealt face-down.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the amount of the ante wager is predetermined by house rules.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the amount of the flop wager is predetermined by house rules.

5        8. The method of claim 1, wherein the amount of the pot water is predetermined by house rules.